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SUBJECT: TFGG01: GEORGIA TASK FORCE SITUATION REPORT NO. 33

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RUSSIA CLAIMS WITHDRAWAL COMPLETE

¶1. (U) The Russian military spokesman stated Russian forces have withdrawn from Georgia to South Ossetia and are in full compliance with international agreements. (cnn.com)

¶2. (U) President Saakashvili welcomed the start of the withdrawal, noting it occurred after unprecedented international pressure. (OSC media)

¶3. (SBU) Georgian DCM Mikeladze reports Russians have left Poti and established a checkpoint seven kilometers outside the city. (TF/Embassy of Georgia telcon)

¶4. (SBU) OSCE observers confirm Russian troops have left Gori but still occupy two checkpoints on the East-West highway near the city, contrary to media reports. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi telcon, Reuters)

¶5. (SBU) The port of Poti's commercial operations continue and could support naval humanitarian deliveries. Batumi port is operating freely but Russian control of access roads and

rail lines may hamper humanitarian efforts. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi telcon)

FRENCH CIRCULATE NEW UNSC RESOLUTION

¶6. (SBU) The French distributed a new draft on August 22 to United States and European Security Council members and will share it with the Russians this weekend.

(TF/USUN e-mail)

¶7. (SBU) The NATO assessment team has arrived in Georgia and its envoy met with the diplomatic corps August 22.

(TF/Embassy Tbilisi telcon)

USG HUMANITARIAN AID NOW EXCEEDS \$12.4 MILLION

¶8. (S) Two EUROCOM C-130 flights and one C-40 flight are scheduled to arrive August 23 with MREs and hygiene kits.

(TF/DOD e-mail)

¶9. (U) Minimize considered.

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